5. Besides, the Central Vigilance Commission has been vested powers vide para 3(v) of Department of Personnel and Training Resolution No. 371/20/99-AVD. III dated 4th April, 1999 to exercise superintendence over the vigilance administration. The Commission has issued several instructions to reduce the scope of corruption such as creating a culture of honesty greater transparency in administration, electronics clearance system and comupterisation of banks, sensitising the public etc. The Central Vigilance Commission has also issued Special Chapters on vigilance management in public sector banks and public sector undertakings.

Amendments in Constitution for welfare of SCs / STs

2379. SHRI CM. IBRAHIM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring up a legislation to amend the Constitution of India not only for effective implementation of the policy of reservations for scheduled Castes / Tribes in regard to appointments and posts including promotion opportunities but also to provides for punishment for non-implementations and adopting obstructive measures in implementation thereof; and

(b) if so, by when such legislation would be brought up; and

(c) whether such a law is also proposed to be placed under the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) No such decision has been taken as on date.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Confiscation of properties of corrupt people

2380. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item titled Corruption has to be nipped in the bud appearing in Times of India dated 7th February, 2000;

(b) whether Government would propose to confiscate the movable and immovable properties of corrupt bureaucrats, public servnts, politicians and leaders immediately on their conviction as an exemplary punishment; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Criminal Law (Amendment) Ordinance, 1944 (Ordinance No. 38 of 1944) provides for attachment of property of the accused who is alleged to have committed offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 or any conspiracy or attempt to commit offences thereof. The property can be attached by the Special Judge during the course of trial. Subsequently, after termination of criminal proceedings and conviction of the accused, the Special Judge is empowered to forfeit the property of the convicted public servant to the Government under the aforesaid Criminal Law (Amendment) Ordinance, 1944. CBI takes necessary action for attachment/forteiture of property of an accused public servant in appropriate cases.

Undeclared ban on the Recruitment

† 2381. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have imposed an undeclared ban on the recruitment in various Government services;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the centre has also issued some directives to the State Governments in this regard;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if not, the details of the recruitment made during the last five years in various Groups such as "A", "B", "C" and "D" cadre-wise and year wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) to (c) Govern- ment have not issued any general orders putting a total ban on recruitment for

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.